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OFFICE ACTION RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Responsive to the Office Action mailed March 11, 2008, Applicant respectfully requests entrance of the following Amendment and consideration of the following Remarks. The deadline for responding to the Office Action without fees was June 11, 2008. A three-month extension of time from June 11, 2008, up to and including September 11, 2008, is hereby respectfully requested, and the extension fee of \$525.00 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) for a small entity is being paid via the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's Electronic Filing System's credit card payment option. Applicant thus submits that the present Response is timely submitted on Thursday, September 11, 2008.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this Response.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this Response.

An **Appendix** including Tompkins *et al.*, 2004, *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci., USA*, 101:8682-86; Verma *et al.*, 2003, *Clin. Canc. Res.*, 9:1291-1300; and Zhang *et al.*, 2004, *Nat. Med.*, 11:56-62, originally submitted with the Information Disclosure Statement dated December 18, 2006, is attached following page 11 of this paper.